

The hourly rate of pay is based on the going rate for this kind of work in the county where the client lives.

What Services Are Not Covered?

Services **not** covered by Home Help:

- Supervised personal care (the guidance and direction a customer may need to perform activities of daily living);
- Yard work, heavy housework, and repairs;
- Services for other people who live in the home;
- Transportation (DHS can direct you to other resources to assist with this);
- Services by a spouse or services by a parent of a child under 18.

How Do You Apply for Home Help?

The person who wants the service, or someone they choose, can call or visit the Adult Services Unit of their local Department of Human Services.

County:



HOME HELP SERVICES

Are you concerned about taking care of yourself and continuing to live in your own home?

Are you eligible for Medicaid?

This program may let you hire someone to help you with your essential daily activities.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

QUANTITY: 10,000
COST: \$602.56 (\$.0600 ea.)
AUTHORITY: DHS Director

The Department of Human Services (DHS) will not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, color, height, weight, marital status, political beliefs or disability. If you need help with reading, writing, hearing, etc., under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you are invited to make your needs known to a DHS office in your area.

What Is the Home Help Services Program?

Home Help Services is a program of the Department of Human Services (DHS). It is designed to give support to individuals who are unable to care for themselves adequately at home. This program provides them the funds to hire helpers to assist with daily activities. This allows people to live in their own homes rather than live in nursing homes, adult foster care homes, or homes for the aged.

What Services Are Included?

If you are unable to perform some of your daily living activities or have these tasks provided for you at no expense, we may be able to help you with:

- Eating or feeding
- Using the toilet
- Bathing
- Grooming
- Dressing
- Transferring from one position to another
- Moving around the home
- Taking medicine
- Preparing meals and cleaning up



- Shopping for essential items
- Doing laundry
- Doing basic housework

Who Is Eligible?

To receive Home Help Services, a person must be (1) eligible for Medicaid, and (2) need physical help to perform these activities. A doctor's statement that personal care is needed must be obtained before payment for services can begin.

People with (1) high medical bills or extensive home help needs and (2) income that exceeds Medicaid standards, can still become eligible for Medicaid and this service. Ask a DHS worker about the "spend down" and "personal care option."

Who Provides the Services?

Home Help customers employ their own providers. Providers are not employed by DHS or the State of Michigan. Providers may be friends, relatives, neighbors, or employees of home help agencies. A customer's spouse, or a parent caring for a child under 18, **cannot** be paid by DHS. Some DHS offices keep lists of people willing to perform these services.

How Much Are Providers Paid?

The DHS worker, with the customer and provider, will decide how much help the customer needs every month. This is based on the customer's physical and mental condition and home situation. The worker may then use a reasonable time schedule to see how many hours can be allowed for each needed service.

